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NEW ASSISTANT CHIEF OF GAME MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCED FOR FWS

The appointment of Charles H. Lawrence as new Assistant Chief of Game Management of the Fish and Wildlife Service was announced today by Dr. Clarence Cottam, acting director. Mr. Lawrence succeeds David R. Gascoyne — recently appointed regional director at Boston. Massachusetts.

Mr. Lawrence, who is 38, has been on the Fish and Wildlife Service staff since September 1946 in the capacity of U. S. Game Management Agent at Anna, Illinois, and Alexandria, Louisiana. He served from 1932 to 1942 as State Conservation Warden in Wisconsin.

From 1942 to 1946 Mr. Lawrence served in the army as battery commander of combat troops in Germany. Before VE day, he was assigned to the U. S. Military Government and directed work in the location and liberation of political prisoners held in concentration camps; this work included reorganization of German police systems. He also served as chief of the special branch office, engaged in the investigation and apprehension of war criminals and violators of military government regulations.

While still in Europe, Mr. Lawrence made a study of game management systems used in England. Ireland, and Germany. He was discharged in 1946 with the rank of major.

Lawrence recently completed a 21,000-mile aerial survey of the Canadian Arctic in collaboration with provincial game departments.

A native of Marinette, Wisconsin, Mr. Lawrence received his education in the public schools of that city. He has also taken courses with the University of Wisconsin in relation to his work.

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